

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Rowe-Jessop Store Inventory Number: BA-2051

Address: 16925 York Road City: Monkton Zip Code: 21161

County: Baltimore USGS Topographic Map: Hereford, MD

Owner: Bruce E. Wisnom and Catherine M. Wisnom

Tax Parcel Number: 29 Tax Map Number: 22 Tax Account ID Number: _____

Project: Hereford Tower Project Agency: FCC

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Is the property located within a historic district? ☒ no ☐ yes Name of district: _____

Is district listed? ☒ no ☐ yes Determined eligible? ☒ no ☐ yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP form; Rotenstein 2000

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Rowe-Jessop store is a brick 2½-story, two-part commercial block. The original side-gabled block is a rectangular building measuring three bays by four bays. There is a two-story shed roof addition on the north side and a flat roof rear addition. There is a full width shed roof porch, partially enclosed, on the principal façade and a hip roof porch on the south side. The building has two internal brick chimneys and the roofs are clad by standing seam metal; the gable roof has cornice returns. The windows in the original block are wood double-hung sash (2/2 lights) in square surrounds highlighted by corner blocks and paterae. The northern shed roof addition has a bracketed cornice and 6/6 light double-hung sash windows.

The brick store was built between 1833 and 1841, according to the 1980 MIHP form completed for the property. A deed dated 1841 identified a "large two-story brick house" on the property sold by William Rowe to Norris Montgomery. The building housed a series of retail stores during the nineteenth century and became known by its recent owners' name – Foster – during the twentieth century. The Foster family, who formerly operated a hardware store in the building, constructed a new building in the rear of this property and the building currently is used as retail space by tenants. This building appears to be not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places because of additions to the historic block and alterations to the original building fabric.

Prepared by: David S. Rotenstein

Date Prepared: 09/07/2000

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Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None
Comments: _____

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Reviewer, NR program

Date

Date

Capsule Summary
BA-2051
Rowe-Jessop Store
16925 York Road
Hereford, Baltimore County
ca. 1839
Private

The Rowe-Jessop Store, located at 16925 York Road, was constructed circa 1839. It is situated on the corner of York and Monkton Roads in the town of Hereford, a 19th century town located near the Northern Central Railroad. Located in the southern portion of Election District Seven, the brick house is located in the midst of arable fields for plantings of wheat, corn, oats and fruits that supported the district. Now a store, the dwelling is detailed with Federal style embellishments with an Italianate style wing.

The Rowe-Jessop Store is a two-and-a-half story vernacular building. Stylistically enhanced with Federal ornamentation, the building is composed of a main block, a circa 1880 Italianate styled side wing, and a rear shed-roofed ell addition. The main block is five bays wide with an altered full-width front porch that has been partially enclosed. The building has a standing seam metal side gabled roof and is constructed of Flemish bond brick laid on a solid fieldstone foundation. There are two interior central interior brick chimneys with corbeled caps in the main block and an interior chimney in the rear ell addition. The roof is accented with overhanging eaves and a boxed wood molded cornice with gable end returns. The store is located on the southeast corner of York Road and Monkton Road, which is one of the major intersections in Hereford. The owners built a modern hardware store near the building to the southeast of the building.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Rowe-Jessop Store

other

2. Location

street and number 16925 York Road not for publication

city, town Hereford vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Bruce E. and Catherine M. Wisnom

street and number 19007 Tyson Road telephone 410.357.8209

city, town White Hall state MD zip code 21161

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel map 22, parcel 29

city, town Towson liber 10264 folio 714

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

1

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Constructed circa 1839, the Rowe-Jessop Store is a two-and-a-half story vernacular building located at 16925 York Road. Stylistically enhanced with Federal ornamentation, the building is composed of a main block, a circa 1880 Italianate styled side wing, and a rear shed-roofed ell addition. The main block is five bays wide with an altered full-width front porch that has been partially enclosed. The building has a standing seam metal side gabled roof and is constructed of Flemish bond brick laid on a solid fieldstone foundation. There are two interior central interior brick chimneys with corbeled caps in the main block and an interior chimney in the rear ell addition. The roof is accented with overhanging eaves and a boxed wood molded cornice with gable end returns. The store is located on the southeast corner of York Road and Monkton Road, which is one of the major intersections in Hereford. The owners built a modern hardware store near the building to the southeast of the building.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The primary façade, facing west, consists of the original main block and a two-bay Italianate wing. A shed roofed porch replaced the original porch whose ghostlines are still evident. The porch has a standing seam metal roof and extends the width of the façade, including the main block and wing. It has two open bays supported by scrolled metal posts on the southern end. The enclosed portion of the porch is constructed on a brick foundation, with a brick watertable, that reaches to just below the windows. The remaining portion of the porch is clad in aluminum siding. It is pierced with paired and tripled vinyl 6/6 windows with narrow vinyl surrounds and louvered shutters. There is a south end entrance to the enclosed portion on the porch. It consists of a double-leaf one-light glass and metal door with a metal surround and single-light transom with poured concrete steps. The first story of the main block that is not obscured by the modern porch addition consists of two 2/2 wood windows with molded wood sills, square-edged wood lintels with star-patterned cornerblocks and louvered shutters. There is a single-leaf door located toward the southern exterior wall. The wood one-light and two-panel door has an original wooden twelve-light storm door and a wooden square edged sill. There is a three-light transom with diamond-shaped tracery and star-patterned cornerblocks on the wood lintel. A stone step is also present. The second story of the main block has five 2/2 windows with molded wood sills and square-edged wooden lintels with bulls-eye patterned cornerblocks. There is a two-story two-bay wing located to the north end of the façade. The wing is constructed on a stone foundation with a wood frame and is clad in asbestos shingles. There are two wooden 6/6 windows with narrow wood surrounds and sills located on the second story. The cornice is accentuated with Italianate detailing, which includes a sawn cornice with faux returns and molded brackets.

The north elevation consists of the wing addition that has a single boarded-up first story window with a square-edged sill. The wing has a rear one-story shed addition clad in aluminum siding with a similar boarded-up window. Additionally, there is a 6/6 wooden window with a narrow wood surround and square edged sill located in the gable peak of the main block.

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The rear, or east elevation, consists of the main block, a side shed-roofed ell addition, the circa 1880 Italianate wing and a one story rear shed addition. The Italianate-styled wing has two wooden 6/6-second story windows with thin wood surrounds and square-edged wood sills. There is a one story shed roofed addition clad in aluminum siding that extends across the wing and almost half of the main block. It has standing seam metal roof and a crumbling poured concrete foundation. There is a flush metal single-leaf door with a narrow molded surround. The main block has a six-course American bond brick pattern. There are four 2/2 wood windows with narrow molded surrounds, square-edged sills covered with aluminum and brick jack arches. The first story of the main block has one 2/2 wood window with a narrow molded surround, square-edged sill covered with aluminum and a brick jack arch. There is also a single-leaf wooden paneled door with lights, three-light transom and a brick jack arch. The northern side of the shed addition has a one-leaf metal flush door with a narrow molded surround. The shed roofed ell, attached to the southern end of the main block's rear elevation is constructed of brick with a standing seam metal roof. The northern side of the ell has an open bay at the juncture of the main block. The first story has an inset single-leaf paneled wood door with a three-light sidelight. The second story has been enclosed with board-and-batten siding and has a 6/6 wooden window with a narrow molded wood surround and a square-edged wood sill. The ell also has a second story 2/2 window and a first story twelve light fixed window that has been altered by a portable air conditioner.

The south elevation of the building, constructed with five-course American bond brick, consists of the main block and ell. The main block has an entry on the western end. There is a single-leaf wooden four-paneled door with a wood lintel detailed with bulls-eye corner blocks, a molded surround and four-light sidelights. A one-bay half-hipped porch supported by square wooden posts shelters the door. The porch has an asphalt-shingled roof and a tongue-and-groove wood floor. The first floor of the main block also has two 2/2 wood windows with wooden surrounds and square-edged sills. The first floor of the ell contains a fixed twelve-light window with a molded wood surround and a molded wood sill. The second story of the main block has two 2/2 wooden windows similar to the first story but with wooden square-edged lug lintels. The attic story has a centrally located 6/6 wood window with a molded wood surround and a square-edge wood lintel. The second story of the ell contains a 2/2 wood window with a narrow wood surround and a square-edged wood sill.

INTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The interior was not accessible at the time of the survey.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates ca. 1839, 1880

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates ca. 1839

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register

☒ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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History

The property on which the Rowe-Jessop Store is located was originally part of a large tract of land known as "Hereford Resurveyed," which was owned by the prosperous Merryman family. The family can be traced in the United States to James Merriman and his wife Sarah, who came to Virginia on the *George* in 1638. In 1680, Charles Merriman, born in 1657 in Virginia, moved to Anne Arundel County, Maryland. James Merriman also settled in Anne Arundel County in 1700, where he served as a court commissioner. Charles married Mary Boone and established his family north of Baltimore on the Gunpowder River. It is thought that he changed the spelling of his name to Merryman in order to differentiate his landholdings.¹ The Merrymans settled "Clover Hill" north of Baltimore, "Hereford Farm" in Hereford, and "Hayfields" in Cockeysville.

Nicholas Merryman Bosley sold the parcel to William Rowe in 1839. Rowe, with his wife Elizabeth, then transferred the two-and-a-quarter acre property to Norris Montgomery in 1846 for \$1,900. At this time, a two-story brick house and outbuildings were recorded in the deed. It can be surmised by this, and by the vernacular Federal details that the house was constructed during this period.

Montgomery to Alexander D. Kelly mortgaged the property when he attempted to set up a chain of retail stores known as Simmons & Co.² The venture failed and in 1848, George Williams became trustee of the property. It was conveyed back to William Rowe, who is now a namesake of the property, after a court battle between Andrew J. Lourges vs. Alexander D. Kelly. Sale advertisements in the newspaper claimed the "property is

¹ Elsie Howlett Tracy. *Merrimans and Tracy: Pioneer Community Builders*. (La Jolla, CA. 1976).

² Baltimore City Deeds, AWB 367:40 as listed in the 1980 MHT inventory.

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eligibly situated on the turnpike and the improvements thereon consist of a large two-story brick house or store with outbuildings.”³ Rowe purchased the property at auction. In 1850, the property appears on the J.C. Sidney *Map of the City and County of Baltimore*. In 1858, Anthony Groveman purchased the property in trust for \$1,500 for Mary Ellen Emack. Pere Wilmer, a trustee for Mary Louise Gallagher, purchased the property in 1860. In 1865, the trustee sold the property, described as being in dilapidated condition, to William A. Burke for \$1,900. William A. and his wife Anna M. sold the property in 1867 to James O. Jessop for \$3,300. In 1877, it appears as the Jessop Store on G. M. Hopkins’ *Atlas of Baltimore County Maryland*. An 1876 tax ledger states that Jessop’s assets were worth \$5,352.13.⁴

By 1884, the property was owned by Eliza and John T. Ellicott, who sold it to John T. Diven for \$1,495. In 1892, the Divens sold the property to Edgar W. Rowe for \$1,900. Rowe was charged, in an 1896 tax ledger, with a house and store for \$1500, among other holdings. In 1920, Rowe’s heirs, Edith and China Bienhoff transferred the property to William and Cora Smith. They sold it to the Fosters in 1928. Donald and Anne E. Foster were the last of the Fosters to own the property. A hardware store was erected by the Fosters near the premises in the 1980s. They sold the dwelling to Bruce and Catherine Wisnom in 1993. Currently, the main dwelling contains multiple small businesses, including an antique shop called “Favorite Things.”

The property is located in the heart of Hereford, Maryland. Appearing on maps as early as 1850, the town is located south of Wiseburg on York Road and north of Piney Hill, Philopolis, and Priceville. It is situated east of Monkton in the southern part of the Seventh District. Hereford is a 19th-century town that is located less than twenty-five miles north of Baltimore City. Situated between the York Road and the Northern Central Railroad, Hereford was home to 300 inhabitants in 1881 and at that time, was the center of a rich agricultural region. Wiseburg is located just to the north, near the Big and Little Gunpowder Falls and had a population of just 50 in 1881. The house was situated at the crossroads of York and Monkton Roads. Monkton was located on the Gunpowder Falls and had a railroad station located there, as the Northern Central Railroad went through the town. Philopolis, whose population in 1881 was 100, is bisected by the York Turnpike and sits one mile to the west of the Northern Central Railroad. It is nineteen miles from Baltimore City. The close proximity of Hereford and Philopolis to York Road and the railroad rendered the small towns as centers of trade along the York Road turnpike. Priceville was a mile to the west of Spark’s Station and was settled as a stronghold of the Society of Friends, by immigrants from England and Wales. Prior to the organization of turnpikes in Baltimore County, many of the county’s roads were considered unfit for use. Earlier efforts to incorporate turnpike companies originated from the county government, yet, by the turn of the 19th century, efforts to create better roads emanated from the state government’s efforts to better serve the growing rural population. This action resulted in laying of a road from Baltimore, Maryland to York, Pennsylvania that would replace the winding,

³ *Baltimore Sun*. April 2, 1847, as reported in the 1980 MHT inventory.

⁴ Assessor’s Field Book, District 7, n.p., as reported in the 1980 MHT inventory.

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indirect Old York Road.⁵ The privately organized York Turnpike Company was incorporated in 1805. Work on the new road ceased in 1810, when the thirty-five miles of road from Baltimore to the Pennsylvania Line was completed. This route soon became one of the primary north/south corridors in Baltimore County. Taverns in Maryland Line, Wiseburg, Philopolis, and Timonium served travelers along the route.⁶ In 1838, the Baltimore and Susquehanna Railroad Company began construction of a line that would run northward from Baltimore nearly parallel to the York Turnpike.

The Rowe-Jessop Store is a representative example of vernacular dwellings that were minimally embellished with Federal style details. The Federal period in America represented ties to Britain, where the style formed under the auspice of the Adam style. Popular in seaport towns, the style represented the wealth of the merchant class. Conservative, graceful and elegant marked the high Federal style, which was embellished with oval shapes, as seen in fanlights, and with decoratively carved and plastered urns and swags.⁷ In time, the style was adapted across the nation in simpler, vernacular forms. One such example is the Rowe-Jessop store. It was constructed of brick, with a Flemish bond, and displays a symmetrical fenestration pattern on the façade. Details further representing the vernacular interpretation of the Federal style include the carved bulls-eye and star-patterned lintel corner blocks and transom lights over the doors. The circa 1880 wing addition represents the Italianate style. This style was begun in England as part of the picturesque movement, a reaction to the formal classical ideals in art and architecture. Details included wide eaves, ornate bracketed cornices and elongated, often arched windows. The style first appeared in the United States during the 1830s and was popularized from the 1830s to the mid-1880s⁸. During the 1840s and 1850s the style was widely influential after it appeared in pattern books by Andrew Jackson Downing. High style Italianate buildings declined in popularity following the financial panic of 1873 and the subsequent economic depression.⁹ However, the style continued to be used in the vernacular form. The Rowe Jessop store's circa 1880 wing displays an Italianate style sawn cornice with molded brackets, typical of this simpler vernacular interpretation.

Chain of Title:

⁵ Sherry H. Olson, *Baltimore: The Building of an American City* (Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1997), 172; see also S. B. Clemens and C. E. Clemens, *From Marble Hill to Maryland Line: An Informal History of Northern Baltimore County* (np: C. E. and S. B. Clemens, 1976), p. 10.

⁶ William Hollifield, *Difficulties Made Easy: History of the Turnpikes of Baltimore City and County* (Cockeysville, MD: The Baltimore County Historical Society, 1978), 51; see also *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia: G. M. Hopkins, 1877), pp. 44-49.

⁷ Virginia and Lee McAlester. *A Field Guide to American Architecture*, (New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1988), pp. 153-168.

⁸ Rachel Carley. *A Visual Dictionary of American Domestic Architecture*, (New York, NY: Henry Holt and Co.) pp. 143.

⁹ McAlester, pp. 241-242.

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All Parcels:

Before 1839:	Nicholas M. Bosley to William Rowe
March 7, 1846:	William Rowe and Eliza M Rowe, wife, to Norris Montgomery Land Records of Baltimore County Liber 366 Folio 11
April 13, 1848:	George A. Williams, trustee, to William Rowe Land Records of Baltimore County Liber AWB 395 Folio 222
May 14, 1858:	William Rowe and Elizabeth M. Rowe to Anthony Groverman, in trust for Mary Ellen Emack Land Records of Baltimore County Liber 22 Folio 83
November 15, 1860:	Mary E. Emack and Anthony Groverman to Pere Wilmer, trustee of Mary Louisa Gallagher Land Records of Baltimore County Liber 47 Folio 119
December 19, 1865:	Pere Wilmer, trustee, to William A. Burke Land Records of Baltimore County Liber 47 Folio 122
August 28, 1867:	William A. Burke and Anna M. Burke to James O. Jessop Land Records of Baltimore County Liber 55 Folio 215
January 17, 1884:	George W. Ellicott and Eliza E. Ellicott, wife, to John T. Diven Land Records of Baltimore County Liber 139 Folio 540
April 25, 1892:	John T. Diven and Margaret A. Diven to Edgar W. Rowe Land Records of Baltimore County Liber 191 Folio 550
 Parcel 1:	
July 31, 1929:	Charles E. Gray and Jennie Gray, wife, Rowe C. Ward, Emma A. Rowe, and Lillie C. Bull and Tejo T. Bull, husband, heirs of Edgar W. Rowe, to William C. Smith and Cora W. Smith Land Records of Baltimore County Liber 533 Folio 572

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July 31, 1920: Etta Rowe Cooper and George Cooper, husband, Walter C. Rowe, and Norma C. Rowe Readell and Henry Readell, husband, heirs of Edgar W. Rowe, to William C. Smith and Cora W. Smith
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 533 Folio 575

Parcel 3:

October 28, 1920: Edith R. Bienhoff and C.O.S. Bienhoff, husband (China), heirs of Edgar W. Rowe, to William C. Smith
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 533 Folio 578

All Parcels:

May 22, 1928: William C. and Cora W. Smith to John E. and Ada A Foster
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 655 Folio 572

August 31, 1966: Ada A. Foster, widow, to Edna M Steedman
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 4694 Folio 378

August 31, 1966: Edna M. Steedman to Ada A. Foster, widow
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber OTG 4694 Folio 381

January 30, 1973: Donald Foster, Allan Foster, Marion D. Foster, Marie Wheeler, and Carroll Foster, heirs of Ada A. Foster, to Donald B. Foster and Anne E. Foster, wife
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 5334 Folio 368

November 20, 1987: Allan A. Foster to Donald B. and Anne E. Foster
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 7734 Folio 458

December 1993: Donald B. and Anne E. Foster to Bruce E. and Catherine M. Wisnom
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 10264 Folio 714

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	1.104 Acres	
Acreage of historical setting	Unknown	
Quadrangle name	Hereford	Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since circa 1839, the Rowe-Jessop Store has been associated with the 1.104 acres of parcel 29 to be found on grid 14, of map 22 in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	L. V. Trieschmann, J. J. Bunting, and A. L. McDonald, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Tracerics, Inc.	date	8 October 2000
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

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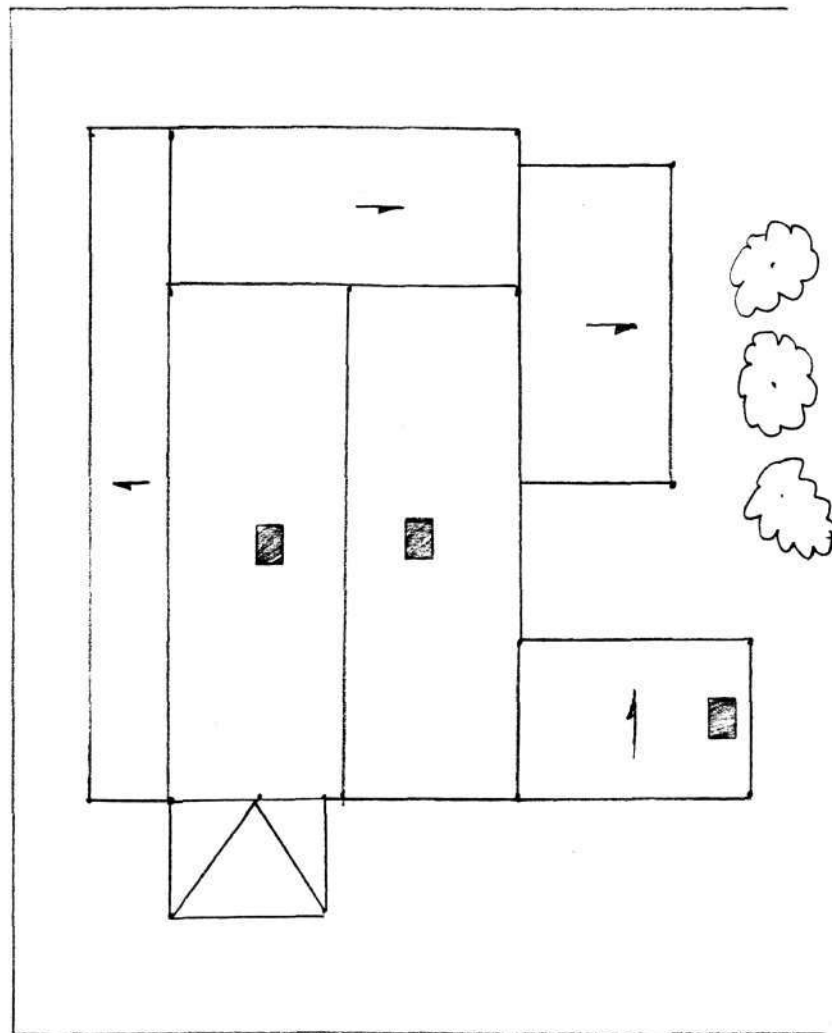
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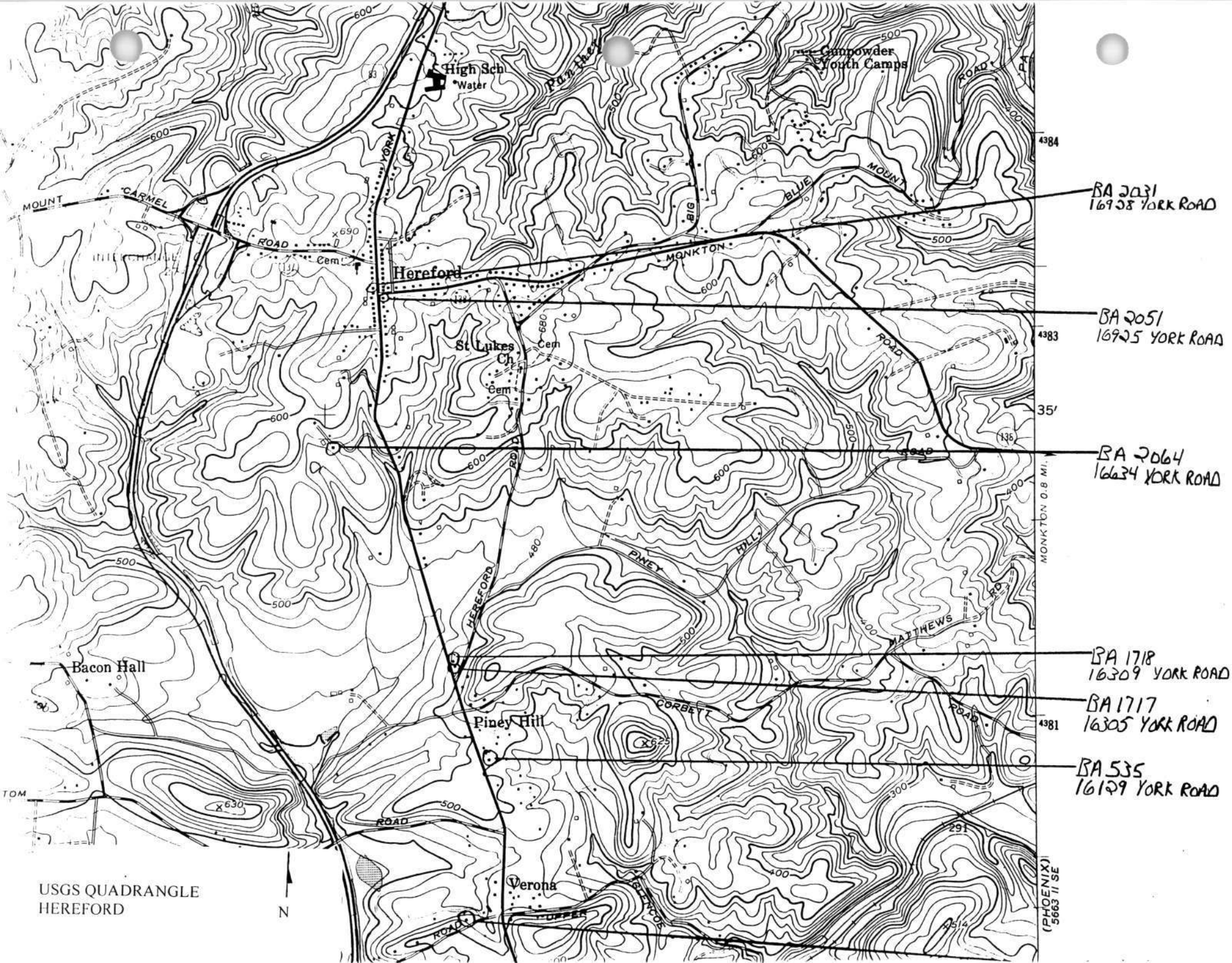
MONKTON ROAD

YORK ROAD



BA 2051
16925 YORK ROAD
BALTIMORE COUNTY

NOT TO SCALE





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16925 YORK ROAD
BALTIMORE COUNTY, ~~HEREFORD~~
TRACERIES
5/00
MD SHPO
EASTERN ELEVATION
LOOKING WEST
1 of 3



BA 2051
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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
TRACERIES
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MD SHPO
NORTHERN ELEVATION
LOOKING SOUTH

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BA 2051
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BALTIMORE COUNTY, HEREFORD
TRACERIES
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MDSHPO
SOUTH WEST CORNER
LOOKING NORTH EAST

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historic Rowe-Jessop Store
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2. Location

street and number 16925 York Road not for publication
city, town Monkton vicinity
county Baltimore

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Bruce E. Wisnom and Catherine M. Wisnom
street and number 19007 Tyson Road telephone
city, town White Hall state MD zip code 21161

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 22-29
city, town Towson liber folio

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☒ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent

☐ good

☒ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☒ altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Rowe-Jessop store is a brick 2½-story, two-part commercial block. The original side-gabled block is a rectangular building measuring three bays by four bays. There is a two-story shed roof addition on the north side and a flat roof rear addition. There is a full width shed roof porch, partially enclosed, on the principal façade and a hip roof porch on the south side. The building has two internal brick chimneys and the roofs are clad by standing seam metal; the gable roof has cornice returns. The windows in the original block are wood double-hung sash (2/2 lights) in square surrounds highlighted by corner blocks and paterae. The northern shed roof addition has a bracketed cornice and 6/6 light double-hung sash windows.

8. Significance

Inventory No. BA-2051

Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates	ca. 1833-1950	Architect
Construction dates	1833-1841	Builder

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The brick store was built between 1833 and 1841, according to the 1980 MIHP form completed for the property. A deed dated 1841 identified a "large two-story brick house" on the property sold by William Rowe to Norris Montgomery. The building housed a series of retail stores during the nineteenth century and became known by its recent owners' name - Foster - during the twentieth century. The Foster family, who formerly operated a hardware store in the building, constructed a new building in the rear of this property and the building currently is used as retail space by tenants. This building appears to be not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places because of additions to the historic block and alterations to the original building fabric.

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Name Rowe-Jessop Store

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HISTORIC CONTEXT

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Historic Period Theme(s):

Resource Type:

Category:

Historic Environment

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Known Design Source:

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Baltimore County Council (1991); Brooks, N. A., and E. G. Rockel (1979); Clemens and Clemens (1983); McGrain (1980)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 48,090 sq. ft.

Acreage of historical setting 48,090 sq. ft.

Quadrangle name Hereford, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries for this property conform to the tax parcel boundary: Map 22, parcel 29.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization URS/Dames & Moore

date 09/07/2000

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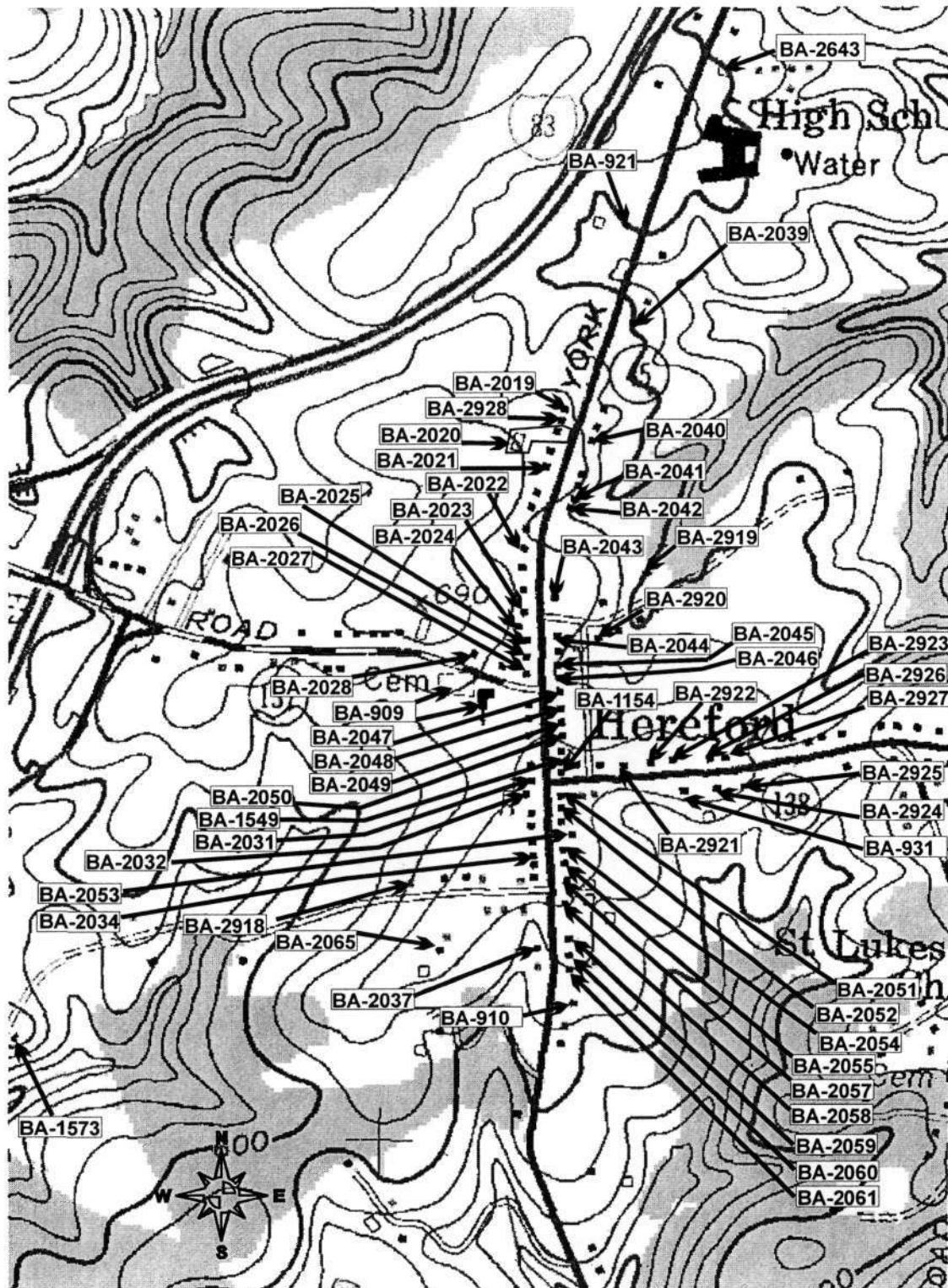
state MD

zipcode 20814-4870

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1/2

Rowe-Jessop Store

Foster's Store

16925 York Road

Baltimore County, Maryland

David S. Rotenstein

8/22/2000

MD SHPO

View of the Rowe-Jessop Store, to
the southeast.

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2/2

Rowe-Jessop Store

Foster's Store

16925 York Road

Baltimore County, Maryland

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MD SHPO

View of the Rowe-Jessop Store,
to the northeast

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ROWE-JESSOP STORE

1833-1841

HEREFORD

PRIVATE

The brick store at Hereford's main intersection was probably among the \$1200 worth of improvements charged to William Rowe in the 1841 tax ledger. The "large two-story brick house" was specifically mentioned in a deed of 1841 when Norris Montgomery purchased it. Montgomery was a partner in a dry goods and hardware business that had outlets at Hereford and in Baltimore on Gay Street and Ostend Street. The string of stores led to Montgomery's ruin, and in 1847, the Hereford store was advertised for sale. Numerous subsequent owners have operated the store, including John E. Foster, who acquired in 1928. The Foster family still conducts a hardware store on the premises in a new building, while the original brick house is used for small businesses and a curio shop. This building in vernacular style is mainly brick, but there is a frame wing. There is a gable roof of standing-seam sheet metal. At the roof line, the only applied decoration is some Italianate bracketing.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC ROWE-JESSOP STORE

AND/OR COMMON

Foster's Store

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

16,925 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Hereford

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

— DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

— STRUCTURE

— SITE

— OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

— PUBLIC

— PRIVATE

— BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

— IN PROCESS

— BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

— UNOCCUPIED

— WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

— YES: UNRESTRICTED

— NO

PRESENT USE

— AGRICULTURE

☒ COMMERCIAL

— EDUCATIONAL

— ENTERTAINMENT

— GOVERNMENT

— INDUSTRIAL

— MILITARY

— MUSEUM

— PARK

— PRIVATE RESIDENCE

— RELIGIOUS

— SCIENTIFIC

— TRANSPORTATION

— OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTYNAME Donald B. Foster, et al.
c/o Foster Brothers Hardware

Telephone #: 357-5127

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Monkton

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21111

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: EHK JR. 5334

Folio #: 368

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

NONE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Rowe-Jessop store is a brick and frame structure of at least three parts, two stores plus attic in the main block, two stories elsewhere. There are also contemporary accretions. The building is vernacular in style, functional in places, with two bays worth of Italianate bracketing. The main (west) facade is seven bays wide, which embraces five bays in the main brick section (the southern end) and two bays in a flat-roofed frame portion (north end).

A full-width, shed-roofed, one-story front porch runs across the entire building. Four of the original bays (the northernmost bays in the brick part) are blocked by enclosing the front porch.

The original first-story facade that can be seen along the porch includes two double-hung sash windows with 4-over-4 lights provided with louvered shutters. The southernmost bay contains a contemporary door with 12 glass lights.

The infilling of the porch includes brick, plate glass windows, and aluminum siding.

At second-story level, the two bays in the north annex (the flat-roofed portion) contains windows of 6-over-6 layout. In the main block, the windows are 2-over-2 types, set under prominent lintels with decorated corner blocks. The main block has a gable roof of standing-seam sheet metal, probably tin, painted green; the eaves overhang; there are prominent eave returns and a noticeable soffit.

The main block is three bays deep. The south end of the main block has a one-story hip-roofed entrance porch that now serves as the entrance to a craft shop. The porch is supported by two square wooden posts. Its roof is standing-seam tin, also painted green. Two large 2-over-2 windows with shutters are located east of this porch. Two windows (also 2-over-2) without shutters, are at second-story level. The gable peak contains a full-sized 6-over-6 double-hung sash window.

The north end of the main block is entirely obstructed by the frame additions, leaving only its attic window visible.

Two wide central brick chimneys rise from the main block, one through the front roof slope, the other through the rear slope.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1833-1841

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This brick store at one of Hereford's two main intersections was most likely among the \$1200 worth of improvements on a 2-1/4-acre lot that were charged to William Rowe in the 1841 tax records; no such assets were found in the records of 1833. (1)

In 1841, Rowe deeded the 2-1/4-acre parcel to Norris Montgomery in a deed that contained the clause "on which land is erected a large two-story brick house, and other outbuildings ... part of ... Hereford Resurveyed." (2) Montgomery a few months later mortgaged the Hereford parcel and some city lots on Ostend Street and Washington Streets to Alexander D. Kelly and his associates, trading under the name of Kelly, Ball & Co. Montgomery also pledged the dry goods in a store at 161 North Gay Street, plus the

assortment of dry goods, hardware, groceries, now in the store of Simmons & Co. in Hereford in Baltimore County (of which said firm the said Norris Montgomery is a partner and has furnished all the capital). (3)

Montgomery's efforts to found a chain of stores came to ruin, and the property was sold following the case of Andrew J. Loanes-vs.-Alexander D. Kelly, Jr., et al. The property was advertised in the city papers:

The above property is eligibly situated on the Turnpike and the improvements thereon consist of a large two-story BRICK HOUSE or STORE with outbuildings. (4)

William Rowe bought the place back at the auction. (5) Sidney's 1850 map shows the street corner filled in by the store. Rowe conveyed in 1858 to Arthur Groverman in trust for Mary Ellen Emack and Margaret Bowie Emack. (6) After a number of deeds of trust, Pere Wilmer, then trustee, sold in 1865 to William A. Burke; that deed stated that the property was "in

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

(continued)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

ROWE-JESSOP STORE

Baltimore, Sun, April 2, 1847. Also Baltimore County Deed Books, and Tax Records. Baltimore City Deed Books.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.104

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

S88 3/4°E 29.7 perches
 N4E 11.5
 N4E 4.8 to Monkton Road
 West 40.8 to York Road
 S2W 7.25 on York Road
 S88 3/4E 10.3
 S2W 7.5 to Beginning (less exceptions) (Map 22, Parcel P29)

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE NONE

COUNTY NONE

STATE

NONE

COUNTY

NONE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John W. McGrain, Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Baltimore County Office of Planning & Zoning

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

DATE

March 15, 1980

TELEPHONE

494-3495

STATE

Maryland 21204

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The flat-roofed frame extension at the north end of the building has two original, 6-over-6 windows visible at the second story, set under a cornice with Italianate bracketing. This extension comes very close to the side street (Monkton Road), leaving no sidewalk space; this structure presents a blank side wall covered with white composition shingle.

The various other extensions of the basic brick building of the 1830s are functional and without character. Foundation is of stone.

The interior contains a beauty shop, carpet store, and a craft and curio shop. The interior, at least of the curio shop, lacks authentic period details.

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ROWE-JESSOP STORE

dilapidated condition and tending to ruin." (7) Burke sold in 1867 to James O. Jessop. (8) Jessop is found in the 1878 business directory under "general merchandise" and his store was indicated in the 1877 atlas by name. (9) The 1876 tax ledger showed him with \$1000 stock in trade, livestock, and a gold watch, total assets, a comfortable \$5,352.13. (10)

In 1884, the place passed from the hands of George W. and Eliza Ellicott to John T. Diven. (11) Diven sold in 1892 to Edgar W. Rowe. In 1896, Rowe was charged with:

Brick Dwelling and Store	1500.00	
Ware Room	50.00	
Stable	25.00	
Cow Shed	10.00	
Furniture	150.00	
Average Stock of Good (sic) in Store	1475.00	
3 Oil Tanks	6.00	
3 Pairs Counter Scales	7.00	(12)

The 1918 tax ledger gave dimensions as:

Dwelling	12 x 22	1 story	
	30 x 54	2 stories	\$1771. (13)

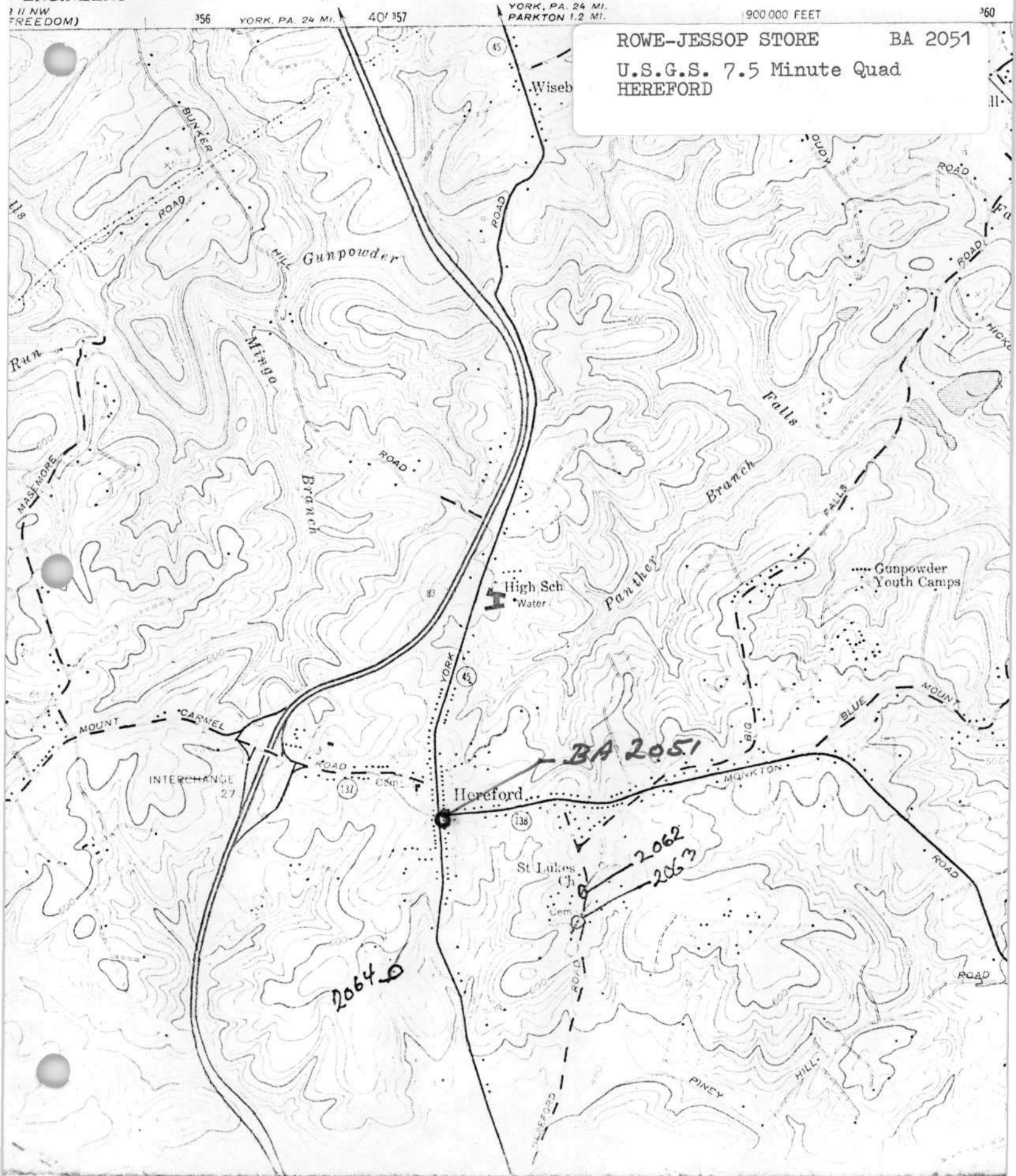
In 1920, Rowe's heirs conveyed to William C. Smith, who held it eight years and sold to John E. Foster, whose relatives still retain the place. (14) The Fosters conducted a hardware business in the original brick store until recent years, when they built a drive-in type store set back from the road. The brick building of 1833-41 contains some small businesses, including an antique shop called "Favorite Things of Monkton."

NOTES:

1. Assessor's Field Book, District 7, 1841, n.p. (Hall of Records).
2. Baltimore City Deeds, AWB 366:11.
3. Baltimore City Deeds, AWB 367:40.
4. Sun, April 2, 1847.
5. Baltimore City Deeds, AWB 395:222.
6. Baltimore County Deeds, GHC 22:83.
7. B.C. Deeds, JHL 47:122.
8. B.C. Deeds, JHL 55:215.
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10. Assessor's Field Book, District 7, n.p.
11. B.C. Deeds, WMI 139:540.
12. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1896, entry #504-113.
13. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 747.
14. B.C. Deeds, WHM 655:349.

11 NW (FREEDOM) 356 YORK, PA. 24 MI. 40' 357 YORK, PA. 24 MI. PARKTON 1.2 MI. 900,000 FEET 360

ROWE-JESSOP STORE BA 2051
U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Quad
HEREFORD





ROWE-JESSOP STORE BA 2051
Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, OCT 1979
Neg. located at MHT
Main (W) & south facades fr. SW



ROWE-JESSOP STORE BA 2051
Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, OCT 1979
Neg. located at MHT
Main (W) facade from NW